Docket No.: 12810-00239-US1

(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of: Michael Bartsch et al.

Application No.: 10/577,138 Confirmation No.: 3281

Filed: April 25, 2006 Art Unit: 1626

For: STERICALLY HINDERED CHELATE Examiner: Shiao, Rei Tsang

PHOSPHINITE-PHOSPHITE LIGAND, CATALYST, COMPRISING AT LEAST ONE NICKEL(0) COMPLEX STABILIZED BY SAID LIGAND AND METHOD FOR PRODUCTION OF NITRILES

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Discussion of the Amendments begin on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.